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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 on the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict, in which the Council decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, an ad hoc advisory group,

Recalling also its resolution 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, in which the Council decided to establish the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi and entrusted the President of the Council with the task of holding consultations and making recommendations on the composition, terms of reference and relevant modalities for the Group,

Recalling further its decision 2003/311 of 22 August 2003, in which the Council decided on the terms of reference and composition of the Group and requested the Group to submit a report on its recommendations to the Council by mid-January 2004,

Recalling its resolution 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, in which the Council reiterated the need to undertake an assessment of the lessons learned from the ad hoc advisory groups at its substantive session of 2004 and stressed the need to undertake an assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations made by the ad hoc advisory groups,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi,[1] and welcomes its recommendations;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Transitional Government of Burundi to maintain the momentum and consolidate the peace process and the promotion of stability, and encourages the Transitional Government to strengthen its efforts in implementing the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group as it addresses the economic and social challenges faced by the people of Burundi;

[1] E/2004/11.

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3. *Welcomes also* the support provided by the international community for the efforts of the Transitional Government of Burundi, stresses the need for further emergency assistance as well as support for Burundi in embarking on the path of sustainable development, welcomes in this regard the outcome of the fourth Forum of Development Partners, held in Brussels on 13 and 14 January 2004, and stresses the importance of translating, as a matter of priority, the commitments made into tangible assistance;

4. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supports the process and to report, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in July 2004;

5. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Advisory Group should contribute to the assessment of the ad hoc advisory groups in relation to lessons learned during the application of its mandate and the implementation of its recommendations;

6. *Also decides* that the Group shall invite the participation in its work of the President of the Economic and Social Council for 2004 and the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end.